

The Pocahontas Times

Here, land of Cakes and brother Scots
Fare Maiden to Johnny Grants,
If there's a hole in a "your coat,"
I'd be sure to take it.
A child's name you takin' notes,
An' faith he'll print it—BURNS

Local Events.

Preaching at West Union July 28, at 10:30 a. m.; at Laurel Creek 3:30 p. m.

A. M. CRADDOCK, Pastor.
Miss Elise Chadwick, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. W. A. Bratton.

Rev. S. G. Gillison, of the Baptist church, preached at Marlinton last Sunday p. m.

Captain Townsend, of the U. S. Army, and son, Herbert, of Washington, are here fishing.

Bible lecture at Bethel church the 4th Sabbath, July 28th, by Wm. T. Price.

The prospect for huckleberries is one of the most promising for years.

Rev. Cornelius Van Reenan and wife are in Marlinton Wednesday. Mr. Van Reenan's health has partially improved.

W. W. Jackson from Verdant Valley was in Marlinton Wednesday at the marriage of his daughter Elsie.

Misses Lucy Moore and Eva McLaughlin, from Browns Creek, were in Marlinton Friday on a shopping errand.

A portable engine and sawmill fixtures were at the depot last week on the way to Col. Turk's farm near Driscoll.

W. T. Smith, the new butcher, is doing a fine trade in fresh meats. He is preparing to build a large refrigerator.

Dr. Price and Harry R. Echols went to the Sweet Chalybeate Springs to be with F. K. Hunter who was taken ill there.

A. C. & O. excursion next Sunday. Round trip ticket from Cuss to Ashland, Kentucky, \$2.75. Train leaves Cuss 4 a. m., Marlinton 5:15.

The Presbyterian manse will soon be ready for occupancy. It is a very pretty building in a picturesque location and will be an ornament to east Marlinton.

Misses Ethel and Laura Hudson, of Greenbank, returned home last Thursday after being for several days the guests of their cousins, the Misses Bird, at this place.

Geo. W. Sheets and John Adkinson were in Marlinton Wednesday with a "lot of stuff to sell" such as people like to have at meal hours. They also made arrangements for a heavy job of mowing on Bucks Run.

Attention is called to the prospectus of the Lewisburg Female Institute published in another column. This school ranks first in the state of its kind and is becoming more and more each year the school that Pocahontas people use to educate their daughters.

One of the saddest bereavements that has come under our notice is what has befallen Mr. and Mrs. Adam Young, of Jacob's vicinity. Their twins, a boy and girl, became ill Friday morning, July 5th. The boy lived about 12 hours; the girl died the next Friday. Our sincere sympathies go out to these sorrowing parents in these the most mournful days of their lives.

A breezy dialogue, the product of impromptu home talent, transpired quite recently between two girls, very intimate friends. One had had a thrilling experience in eating laurel believing it to be winter green. She became deadly sick and had it not been for the mother's heroic treatment, death would have ensued from what was innocently done. The other said that one time through a mistake for cider drank a tin cup nearly full of lye and it nearly finished her. The other sweetly observed: "That must have been so for you are letting some of it out now."

Thanks are due Walter Yeager for late and interesting numbers of Cheyenne and Salt Lake papers. The recent rains have been very beneficial to corn and grapes; very hostile feelings seem to be existing between the cattle and sheep ranchers; serious trouble seems to be in sight between sections over the irrigation enterprises. The policy of irrigation in places seems suggestive of the Indian's plan for extending his blanket by tearing off the lower end and sewing it to the upper end.

One of the most quiet society events of the season occurred on Wednesday, July 17th, at 3 p. m. near Inframonta Cottage, West Marlinton, when John Henry Carl Higgins and Miss Elsie Ethel Jackson were united in marriage by Wm. T. Price, officiating minister.

The very youthful bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jackson, near Verdant Valley. The groom is a son of Henry Higgins, near Podge Lane, and is a worthy young man not yet twenty-one years of age. The party was accompanied by the father of the bride. Many kind wishes attend these pleasant young people in their new life.

A large swarm of bees at West Marlinton came off without much ado last Friday struck a bee-line for the schoolhouse on the hill and disappeared from the person who happened to be passing. He reported what he had seen and a party went in pursuit but saw or heard nothing of them anywhere about the schoolhouse. He filled a bucket at the schoolhouse spring and dismissed the bees as best. On his return he confronted them coming down the mountain over the Rock creek and returning to the home hive on double quick time. With these bees it would seem there is no place better than home so far as bees have been tried.

DROWNING AT BUCKEYE.

Joe Hannah gets in Deep Water and Drowns.

Joe Hannah, the 19 year old son of Jas. J. Hannah, of Buck's Run, was drowned while bathing in the Greenbrier River last Sunday, at Buckeye.

He with his brother Ira Hannah and Will Kinnison went to the "Swimming pool" above John Buckley's to bathe. Ira and Will could barely swim but Joe was unable to swim a stroke. They took a horse in with them but the horse seemed unable to swim for some reason or other, probably because of a tight rein, and Joe got into water ten feet deep. The other boys were not able to rescue him, and he drowned. He was badly crippled, having a badly deformed arm.

The body was recovered immediately, and the burial took place at the Buckeye grave yard Monday afternoon.

District Conference.

The District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, for the Lewisburg District met at White Sulphur July 16th.

A large number of clerical and lay delegates was present. Bishop Wilson throughout the session presided and he together with Drs. Denny, Armstrong and Wishner did the preaching save the opening sermon by Rev. J. M. Green. The work throughout the district was for the most part reported in a flourishing condition. A. E. Haddleston, — Hobbs, E. C. Bare and R. W. Hill were elected delegates to the Annual Conference.

Perhaps the most significant action of the Conference was the resolution passed unanimously to own and control a school in the district. The sense of the Conference was that the time had come when the interests of the church could be best conserved by controlling within this section of the state an institution of learning to do Academic work. The committee appointed one year ago to consider the matter advised the purchase of the Alleghany Collegiate Institute of Alderson, W. Va. To this end \$700 was secured on the Conference floor which added to what had already been secured by Alderson amounts to nearly \$1000, at most one half of the amount necessary to secure the property.

The object of the church in taking this step is to provide a school under strict christian influence in which the girls and boys of the district can be educated. It is to save the young people of Methodist parentage for the church. They have been wasting time and means at so called "Business Colleges" and "Summer and Normal schools" until the result is to the church alarming. Next to conversion Christian education is in young life most important.

The Conference elected the following trustees to have control of the school: A. E. Haddleston, White Sulphur; — Hobbs, Covington; W. S. Anderson and E. C. Bare, Alderson; R. W. Hill, Acad.emy; F. M. Weber, Ronceverte; C. C. James, Hinton; S. W. Anderson; L. J. Williams, Lewisburg. — Rev. H. L. Hout, of Ronceverte, was appointed by the committee to canvass the district and raise the remaining amount to secure the property. W. S. A.

Miss Teresa Klein, of Baltimore, is visiting her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrison.

Mrs. Mary Varner, of Elk, was in town Thursday getting the top of the market for butter.

Died, July 17th, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, aged about three months, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Edgar Sharp, near Edray, was in town the other day trading liberally in the stores.

The new printing office will soon be ready for occupancy and adds much to the appearance of its part of the town.

Roy Crummett was at the depot Thursday with Dr. Lockridge's team for a load of supplies.

George Hamilton, of Sunset, paid Marlinton last week one of the few visits of his life. His trouble was he could not see the place as he formerly knew it for the houses.

The new double track is extended to the lower crossing and puts Grove & Perry in touch with the cars. A crew has been busy laying track for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Yeager and their daughters, Brownie and Goldie, have returned after a visit to Virginia.

Preaching the 8th Sunday in August at Seebert at 4 o'clock and at Riverside at 8 o'clock by Rev. J. H. Lough.

C. B. Morrison, of West Milford, Harrison county, was in Marlinton Tuesday on his way home from a two weeks' stay in Pocahontas, visiting his wife's relatives. She was a daughter of Andrew Sharp.

It grieves us to hear of the illness of Mrs. C. M. Fritz at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Lant, on Knappa Creek. She was joined by her husband, who passed through here last Thursday.

There will be no preaching at Buckeye the 1st Sunday in August by J. H. Lough. The 4th quarterly conference will be held at Buckeye at the Bethel church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday at 4 o'clock. Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m.

Rev. Gay H. Crook, of the Protestant Episcopal church, preached here last Wednesday night, at Huntersville Tuesday night and at Clover Lick Thursday night. Hereafter he will preach here on the 5th Sundays.

PECULIAR LAW SUIT.

A Case Involving Three Dollars and Cents.

A matter in difference between Geo. L. Hannah and John D. Gibson, of Elk, amounting to \$3, was tried at the court-house Saturday. Both parties are well to do and their credit is of the best. It was generally admitted that Hannah would never have asked for any money which was not justly coming to him, and that Gibson would never refuse to pay a debt that he owed.

The case was started before Squire W. B. Hannah, but on plea of relationship he induced Justice Rodgers to sit on the case. The court got together and startled the litigants by offering to pay the three dollars and go home. Neither party agreed to this proposition. The testimony showed that nearly two years ago Gibson had got Hannah to haul some goods from Huttonsville for Woods Gum, who was moving to Marlinton. Hannah insisted that he had nothing to do with Gum, while Gibson claimed that Hannah was dealing with Gum and not with him and that he had carried a message to Hannah from Gum.

The plaintiff claimed that it was a direct promise to pay, and the defendant that there was no promise to pay, and if there was, it was to answer for the debt of another and must be in writing.

Woods Gum was on the stand and stated that his goods been damaged in the hauling and that was the reason he had not paid the bill.

With evidence very evenly balanced the justice held that such a promise must be in writing and dismissed the suit at the plaintiff's costs, which were taxed at \$23.35.

A Correction

Dear Mr. Editor: The following persons, whose names appeared in the paper as non-taxpayers, have paid their taxes:

Duncan, William Preston
Dolan, Gus
Evans, Chas
Gay, Harper
Wanless, Kenna.

R. W. HILL.

On a Charge of Felony.

Isaac Patterson, a negro from Highland county, was lodged in jail Saturday, charged with house breaking. The evidence is to the effect that he had had a fuss with another negro and felt that he needed arms. He went to E. O. Moore's and tried to beg, borrow or buy a Winchester rifle. It was refused him, and he afterwards went to the house and took it. The house was deserted at the time and securely locked. Special constable Will Siple brought him in to jail on commitment of Squire Letcher Hudson.

Sudden Death.

Mrs. Maggie Thirtley, or as she was commonly known by her maiden name, Maggie Sharp, was found dead in her bed at Dr. Cunningham's, where she had been working, last Friday morning. She had been complaining for a day or two but was not considered seriously ill. Thursday night she retired as usual. Not appearing next morning Miss Cora Combs went into her room and found her asleep, as she thought. Laying her hand on her forehead she discovered that she was dead.

The Institute.

What has become of that Institute election? Many of the Marlinton people want that Institute. When the teachers were here the last time we had an overflow of the river and some of them said they did not want to come back. Since then we have gotten a railroad. The town has put on the air of a city; there are soda fountains and ice cream parlors and chewing gum stands, and we want to welcome the teachers.

When the attention of the County Superintendent was called to the fact that he had set the Institute at a point some distance from the railroad he told us to announce that the Institute would be held at Marlinton. Then he rescinded the announcement and said a vote would be taken. We want to have a commissioner at that election or have the names of the names of the teachers voting published.

Showalter—Woodell.

At 5 o'clock, July 10th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Woodell, near Linwood, Mr. C. W. Showalter and Miss Minnie Woodell were united in marriage.

Charles W. Showalter is one of our most progressive and successful young business men and Mrs. Showalter who is the daughter of Amos Woodell is very popular with her many friends.

The attendants were Edward Woodell and Miss Gertrude Duffield, and Edgar Woodell and Miss Rosa Duffield. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. W. McLaughlin in the presence of a large number of friends of the bride and groom. A sumptuous dinner was served and the occasion was one of interest and pleasure to the whole community. H. W. M.

J. H. Behn's high class vanderbilt stars are giving performances each night at their tent on the lot back of Golden's store. Their first performance will be given tonight (Wednesday). The entertainment is polite and refined, the acts are of that class which keeps the audience in a roar of laughter from beginning to end. The performers and their particular parts are too numerous to mention, come and see for yourself. Admission 10 and 20 cents.

IN THE MAYOR'S COURT.

Mayor King Adopts a Plank in the Code against Carrying Pistols.

Last week W. A. McLaughlin and Tom Spillman had a falling out about a check which had passed in the Marlinton Stock Exchange in the heat of a deal. McLaughlin sold short on a class of stock known as 2 prs. and Spillman was long on 3's. In settling McLaughlin drew a check for five dollars payable to W. A. McLaughlin and did not endorse it on the back. Spillman considered this necessary and approached McLaughlin at the post-office and asked him to so endorse it. McLaughlin refused to do so, remarking that Spillman had not lost anything by him.

They became involved in a quarrel and each had backers. The sergeant of the town being present it was proposed by McLaughlin that they step outside of the corporation and settle all matters of difference in a fist fight. The corporation of Marlinton is so large that this is safe thing to do, for there is time for wrath to cool in the journey.

A goodly company started off and had gone a few rods when McLaughlin reached around Spillman's body and felt of his pistol pocket. He exclaimed: "Tom, you've got a gun, I'm not going out with you! I'm going to get a warrant for you for carrying a pistol." Then he started to find the mayor.

Spillman here lost a golden opportunity of having himself searched for the gun. He said something about it but it was not done.

The case came on to be heard Wednesday morning. Spillman employed N. C. McNeil as counsel and T. S. McNeil appeared for the State. A plea of not guilty was entered.

McLaughlin testified that he saw and felt a pistol in his pocket. A carpenter by the name of Reynolds testified to the effect that when Spillman jumped down off the porch he saw the barrel of a gun sticking out of his hip pocket. Saw the barrel and was positive that it was a pistol.

C. W. Beverage, W. W. Tyree and a man named Bush testified that with the same opportunities of observation that Reynolds had they had not seen the pistol. Spillman said that he had in that pocket a half-pint flask and that he was carrying no pistol.

Upon consideration of which Mayor King fined the prisoner \$50 and costs and sent him to the jail Saturday, announcing that this thing of carrying pistols had to cease in this town.

Spillman took an appeal to the circuit court and was released on bail. W. W. Tyree and J. H. G. Wilson becoming bondsmen. Spillman has been here several months and appears to be a gentleman of letters. McLaughlin having instituted the proceedings, thought the penalty unnecessarily heavy—like the gentleman who raised the devil and was frightened at the apparition.

The queer part of it all is that the check over which the fuss arose was presented at the bank and promptly cashed without any further endorsement, the bank holding that a depositor's name being in two places on the check a third writing of the same name was unnecessary.

Proposed Fire Company.

A fireman of ten years' experience said the other day that if the town of Marlinton had a fire engine it could reach any part of the town with a hose without any further water supply than the streams which run through the town. The river runs through the town and the Knappa Creek to one side. Then a small stream called Marlinton Run, which would furnish water enough except in an extremely dry time, passes through another portion.

Acting upon this it is proposed that all able bodied men of the town who will volunteer to become members of a fire company meet and form a fire company at the school house next Saturday evening after supper.

The laws of this State make this organization a part of the State militia, but they are exempt from the performance of military duty except when called into actual service. The number must be not less than 20 nor more than 64. A writing stating the formation of the company, signed by the members, must be recorded in the county clerk's office. The law compels you to attend every fire in the village.

Fire companies have the same power of enforcing their by-laws, contributions and fines that volunteer companies of the military have. The town council may by ordinances regulate the proceedings of fire companies and buy all necessary equipments.

In Ronceverte the volunteer fire companies have saved the town any amount of property and have greatly reduced insurance rates. They have now fine equipments, a \$2300 fire engine and other things in proportion. In 1897 this company went four miles and saved Lewisburg. When the Rhodes-Morton store burned it saved its home town.

At first Marlinton may not be able to purchase an engine but a bucket brigade with proper management, with a fire alarm and ladders, would be some protection, and if the town does not get a supply of water under pressure, an engine may be procured which will furnish a supply. So everybody who wants to serve his country come out next Saturday and organize a fire company and arrange a fire drill, so that we can enter the next fire that starts.

A Dedication.

On Sunday, July 14th, the Alexander Memorial Church at Driftwood was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. The Rev. J. M. Sloan, of Alderson, preached a very appropriate sermon on the text, "That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."—Tim. 3: 15. He also pronounced the dedication as follows:

Inasmuch as God has put it into your hearts to build this house for his worship and has enabled you to bring this good work to completion. We congratulate you and will now set it apart by prayer and consecration to the solemn use and purpose of the worship of the true God.

I therefore do now pronounce and declare this building to be solemnly dedicated and devoted to God to be used by his people as a place of worship, for the preaching of the gospel, for the administration of the ordinances of the Church, for the purposes of prayer and praise and giving, and for all acts of worship authorized in His word, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

After which the prayer of dedication was made by the pastor, Rev. H. W. McLaughlin. There were present about 400 people, perfect order was maintained, and the debt of \$125 was all most liquidated. There is about \$15 to be raised yet and if anyone wishes to help a worthy cause he may address Mr. D. H. McLaughlin, Driftwood, W. Va.

There was a most sumptuous dinner on the ground prepared by the good people of Driftwood and vicinity. There was sufficient provision to have banqueted 1000 people. The dedication of this comfortable building for worship marks, we believe, a new era in the intellectual, moral and spiritual progress of this community.

BRUFFEYS CREEK

Bruffeys Creek is still on a boom as the lost are found, the strayed have come back, the thieves captured and those stolen are released.

Cutting grass is the order of the day.

Jno Sydenstricker has a large bill of lumber to saw for Dr. T. F. McClintic.

T. A. Bruffey and J. B. Grimes are off to conference this week.

D. M. Kennison is still working his crew: he is a hustler on two legs.

D. A. Tharp reports a fine trip to Tom Vaughan's and expects to spend the remainder of the summer there.

The fourth of July is still lasting with Tom Hodges.

Miss Olive Anderson is clerking for Curry Bros. She is a good clerk.

Forrest McMillison is going to locate on Bruffeys Creek near the Ray place.

Kennison Bros are erecting a fine church near Lobelia. They are fine workmen.

We would like to know what has become of the city of Lobelia and its inhabitants.

Russ McCoy is looking toward Stamping Creek.

John Boblett and family are visiting the widow Andersons.

T. A. Bruffey and J. B. Grimes are back from conference.

Preston Shisler is buying cattle for S. J. Payne.

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BROWNS CREEK.

The farmers in this section got their wheat cut last week, but a very poor crop.

The sawmill on Brown Mt. run by E. A. Friel is shut down for repairs.

J. W. McCarty is on the sick list.

C. A. McLaughlin is at home from McClintic's camp.

Wallace McLaughlin is going to build a large stock shed for Amos Barlow.

The farmers of this section have already contracted for a large amount of fertilizer for this fall.

Mrs. S. R. Hoggett was visiting friends on Browns Mountain several days last week.

We have the most accommodating mail carrier on the route from Huntersville to Dunmore we have had for years.

The deed is done. Sentence has been passed and every price in the house has been beheaded.—The Pocahontas Bargain House.

A Rare Chance

In order to close out my stock of summer clothing I will sell the same at cost for 30 days only, from July 20th to August 20th. This is no fake and does not mean that I will ask you 20 or 40 per cent profit; neither does it mean that I sell you for less than cost, as I am not in the business to sell for less than cost or even at cost except for a short time. Neither is any one else and watch the man who says he sells for less than cost.

Below are some of my prices for 30 Days Only:

A good Brown Shoe at \$1.10
A strong Trunk at \$1.50
Telescopes from 25 cents up
Satchels from 35 cents up
Boys' Chip Hats at 50c
Men's Quilt Hats at \$1.50
Sweet Orr. Overalls at 85c
Other Overalls from 35c up
J. A. HOOVER,
Marlinton, W. Va.

DUNMORE.

Hot and hot heating.

Maj. R. R. Mason has sold his farm to J. B. Grimes.

Mr. Sam and Miss Grace Jones are out on a visit.

Mrs. Shuey is visiting.

R. M. Pritchard has been using some of the fine water at Dunmore.

Mrs. S. C. Pritchard has gone on a visit to the springs in Bath county.

Miss Lucy Kincaid is up on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearly Noel and Joe Cackley, of Ronceverte, are up on a visit.

Rev. Junkin preached a very able sermon Sunday evening.

Stonewall and Pilgrim completed the C. & W. R. R. to the Townsend draft.

Mrs. J. K. and Mrs. Wm Taylor are off on a visit to Highland.

Uncle Wash Moore is visiting his son at Forrest.

Hull Kramer was in town Saturday and will repair the road to Forrest.

The road overseer ought to go over the road from Dunmore to Frost.

R. L. Nottingham went to Marlinton Sunday.

T. M. Gum commenced his new house Monday at 8 a. m. a boy.

We need our roads worked while the ground is dry. We cannot understand why the upper end of the Snake Den road is not built to let people get to mill.

Misses Lillian McElwee and Lucy Siple are on a visit to Highland county.

Mrs. T. P. Moyers is on the sick list.

Died, July 10th, Laban Wilfong's child; July 12th, Forrest Warwick's child; July 15th, Noah Hoover's child; July 21st, Capt. Ashford, G. D. Oliver's child, and Madison Mullinas' child.

Undertaker Swecker put out four burial outfits Sunday, the 21st.

Miss Gertrude Yeager is down on a visit.

MR. POOH.

FOR SALE OR RENT

Large Livery stable and four roomed house in East Marlinton. For particulars apply to

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Marlinton, W. Va.

New Hotel,

S. J. BOGGS, Prop'r.

I am opening up a first class hotel here at Marlinton. Meals served at any hour wanted at 25c to 50c. \$1 and \$2 reduction made on regular boarders. Come and try our hotel when in town. Lunch served from counter after little for 10 and 15 cents. Come one and all and see what we are doing.

Here is the place to sell your produce.

S. J. BOGGS.

Seebert Grocery Co.,

Wholesale & Retail Dealers in

General Merchandise.

GOOD SHOES SACRIFICED.

A number of lines; all this season's fashionable shapes and styles at a Great Reduction.

INFANTS' Soft Shoes, patent leather tip, worth 50 cts—our price only 35c.

INFANTS' Soft Shoes, worth 40c, we sell them for 25c.

CHILDREN'S Black Button Shoe, worth 75cts, a bargain at 50cts.